GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department – Trading of Subabul/Eucalyptus/ Casuarina – Revised policy – Guidelines – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 31 Dated: 18-01-2018

Read the following:-

(1) G.O.Rt.No.188, Agri & Coop(AM.I) Dept., dt:10.06.1999.
(2) G.O.Rt.No.143, Agri & Coop(AM.II) Dept., dt:19.02.2016.
(3) G.O.Rt.No.493, Agri & Coop(AM.II) Dept., dt:09.08.2017.
(4) G.O.Rt.No.2637, G.A. (Cabinet-I) Dept., dt: 28 .11.2017.

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ORDER:-

In the Government Orders 2nd and 3rd read above, guidelines were issued for trading of Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina.

2. Later, certain problems faced by the farmers have came to the notice of the Government and in order to overcome the problems in trading of Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina, Government have decided to introduce a new policy for trading of Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina and accordingly, in the Government Order 4th read above, orders were issued constituting a Committee of Group of Ministers with the following Ministers to examine the marketing of Subabul / Eucalyptus /Casuarina Wood of farmers for framing guidelines for streamlining the purchases of Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina.

1. Hon'ble Minister for Marketing, Warehousing, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries and Cooperation;

2. Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture and Agri Processing;

3. Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Management; and

4. Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests, Science and Technology.

3. The Group of Ministers, after conducting series of meetings with the VC & Managing Director, AP Forest Development Corporation Limited, Joint Collectors, Marketing Departmental Officials, Chairmen of Market Committees and Paper mill representatives discussing the issues and fixing the price of Subabul at Rs.4200/- per MT and Eucalyptus / Casuarina (Debarked) at Rs.4400/- per MT at notified Weigh Bridges of the concerned Agricultural Market Committees. The Group of Ministers have suggested the A.P. Forest Development Corporation not to sell Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina to the Paper Mills till the completion of the stocks with the farmers. The Committee also suggested to cancel the G.Os. 2nd and 3rd read above and also suggested that the Paper Mills should purchase the Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina in the ratio based on the area of crop cultivated in the District.

Area of the crop cultivation of Subabul/Eucalyptus/Casuarina in the State is as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the District	Subabul		Eucalyptus		Casuarina	
		In acres	Purchase of Ratio	In acres	Purchase of Ratio	In acres	Purchase of Ratio
1	Srikakulam	0.00	0.00	18518.00	8.47	16283.00	24.34
2	Vizianagaram	921.00	0.86	8512.00	3.89	8297.00	12.40
3	Visakhapatnam	525.00	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	East Godavari	22.00	0.02	639.00	0.29	5797.00	8.66
5	West Godavari	0.00	0.00	9041.00	4.14	1896.00	2.83
6	Krishna	43337.50	40.54	1692.50	0.77	0.00	0.00
7	Guntur	16805.64	15.72	5157.09	2.36	54.36	0.08
8	Prakasam	44547.00	41.67	109969.00	50.35	8463.00	12.65
9	SPSR Nellore	736.36	0.68	64848.92	29.69	26086.35	39.00
10	chittoor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Kadapa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Kurnool	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Ananthapuram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		106894.50	100.00	218377.51	100.00	66876.71	100.00

4. They have also suggested that the Paper Mills shall submit their indent to the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing based on the yearly requirement of Subabul /Eucalyptus/ Casuarina since the farmers of Subabul /Eucalyptus/ Casuarina in Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore District are facing much difficulty to sell their produce. The paper mills should purchase the produce in the following ratios.

Sl. No	Name of the District	Subabul		Eucalyptus		Casuarina	
		In acres	Purchase of Ratio	In acres	Purchase of Ratio	In acres	Purchase of Ratio
1	Krishna	43337.50	41.10	1692.50	0.93	0.00	0.00
2	Guntur	16805.64	15.94	5157.09	2.83	54.36	0.157
3	Prakasam	44547.00	42.25	109969.00	60.53	8463.00	24.45
4	SPSR Nellore	736.36	0.698	64848.92	35.69	26086.35	75.38
Total		105426.50	100.00	181667.51	100.00	34603.71	100.00

(For example if the paper Mill requires 100 MTs of Subabul in the year 2017-18, the Mill should purchase of their requirement 41.10% from Krishna District, 15.94% from Guntur District, 42.25% from Prakasam District, 0.698% from SPSR Nellore District and similarly for Eucalyptus and Casuarina).

5. Government, after careful examination of the issue, hereby accept the suggestions of the Group of Ministers and hereby issued the following guidelines for trading of Subabul / Eucalyptus / Casuarina duly canceling the orders issued in the G.O.s 2nd and 3rd read above and:

System for Trading of Subabul /Eucalyptus/ Casuarina :

a) The Paper Mills shall purchase Subabul/Eucalyptus/Casuarina at identified Weigh Bridges at the above prices in the interest of farmers welfare. Weigh Bridges will be identified by a Committee consisting of Secretary of Agrl.Market Committee, Asst. Director of Marketing and Joint Director of Marketing concerned. Weighment shall be done in the presence of the farmers, representatives of Paper mills & representative of AMC.

b) Any other company willing to purchase Subabul/Eucalyptus/ Casuarina shall be permitted to purchase only the identified weighbridges at the above prices.

c) The Paper Mills/ any other Company shall indicate the quantity it wants to purchase and shall give Bank Guarantee for purchase value of one week quantity to the concerned Market Committee. The Market Committees shall not allow any of the Paper Mills/any other companies to purchase any stock exceeding the value (or amount) of Bank Guarantee. The Secretary shall review the Bank guarantee on weekly basis and collect the Bank guarantee accordingly. Any deviations in this regard, the Secretary of the concerned AMCs will be held responsible.

d) The weigh bridge operator shall issue Computerized Weighment Slip and sales slip shall be prepared in quadruplicate duly signed by farmer, representatives of paper mill and Agricultural Market Committee. Subabul Assistant shall issue data chitta based on the weighment slip which shall be quadruplicate, first copy to the paper mills/any other Company, second copy to the Agricultural Market Committee, third copy to the farmer and fourth copy remains in the Kata Chitta Book.

e) The in-charge of paper mills/any other Company at the weighbridge shall submit the weighment slips to the company concerned and take necessary action for payment of sale proceeds to the farmer.

f) AMC will issue permits to the paper mills/any other Company for transporting the Subabul/Eucalyptus/Casuarina from the Weigh Bridge. Duplicate copy of permit will be sent to Agrl.Market Committee along with monthly return. The Secretary shall review payments of sale proceeds to the farmers and the collection of Market Fees on weekly basis and issue permits accordingly.

g) Whenever APFDC is selling Eucalyptus Pulpwood to ITC, International Paper APPM Ltd. And BILT, care should be taken to manage supply schedule in such a way that the farmers interests are protected and APFDC shall closely coordinate

with the Market Committees of Prakasam and Nellore districts for management of supply schedule.

h) To ensure implementation of the correct prices at the notified weigh bridges.

i) The transactions of Subabul/Eucalyptus/Casuarina shall maintain through software system only.

j) Paper Mills/any other company shall pay the sale proceeds to the Farmers directly through online within 5 days.

k) To deploy Agricultural Market Committee staff at notified Weigh Bridges.

6. Government also hereby constitute a District Level Committee with the following Members to monitor the purchase of Subabul/Eucalyptus/Casuarina by the paper mills/any other company from time to time at the rates fixed by the Government and as per the ratios proposed above.

1. Joint Collector – Chairman.
2. District Forest Officer (Social Forestry)- Member.
3. Joint Director of Agriculture – Member.
4. Regional Transport Officer – Member.
5. Assistant Director of Marketing – Member/ Convener.
6. Representatives of farmers associations.
7. Representatives of paper mills.

7. The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.Rajsekhar,
Spl.Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
A.P. Guntur
The Vice Chairman and Managing Director, AP Forest Development,
Guntur for necessary action.
Copy to:
PS to Minister (Marketing), A.P., Velagapudi.
PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Government.
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